

Gimme Shelter

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Animal Care & Control Presents *Homeward Bound 2008: Black Tie & Tails Ball*



Saturday, September 20
Noon to Midnight

Black Tie & Tails Ball Captivating kitties and dapper dogs will strut their stuff in hopes of finding new, loving homes during the Loudoun County Animal Shelter's **Black Tie & Tails Ball**, a 12-hour adoption marathon happening Saturday, September 20.

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter will open its doors at 12 noon and remain open until midnight, with the goal of **adopting every animal in the Shelter**, and to help get some deserving pets spayed/neutered as well.

Visitors will get the red carpet treatment with:

- Animals dressed in their finest from head to paw
- Sparkling cider, ice cream, and other gourmet goodies to enjoy.
- Free "Black Tie & Tails" T-shirts for all adopters.
- Giveaways and prizes every hour!

Plus, 100 lucky Loudoun County pets will receive FREE spay/neuter surgery. Beginning at 12:00pm, the Shelter will be giving away 100 vouchers for free spay/neuter surgery from participating veterinarians. Vouchers will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, 2 per household, to Loudoun County residents only.



Black Tie for visitors is optional. Fun is mandatory! We hope to see you there. For more information, visit the Department's website at www.loudoun.gov/animals, or call 703-777-0406.

2008 Junior Volunteers



Junior Volunteers caring for the Shelter's small critters.

This week wraps up another successful summer for Animal Care & Control's Junior Volunteer program!

Now in its fourth year, the Junior Volunteer Program presents an opportunity for 14 and 15 year olds interested in learning more about animals to gain hands on experience at the Animal Shelter.

This year's program consisted of three 2-week sessions. Junior Volunteers spent 4 hours a day, 3 days a week at the Shelter and enjoyed a number of projects and lessons. They learned about daily animal care and kennel cleaning, animal behavior and training, animal control operations, marketing, and community outreach.

Fourteen Junior Volunteers participated in this year's program and contributed a total of 336 volunteer hours to the Shelter. Thank you Junior Volunteers!

A Daring Rescue

Normally, when a cat climbs a tree, it will eventually find its way back down on its own. But sometimes it needs a little help!

That's what happened on August 20, when Animal Control received a call that a kitten had been in a tree crying for several days. The kitten had managed to climb to a height of nearly 60 feet (that's 5 stories!) and was too scared to come back down.

Animal Control Officers originally tried to coax the kitty down with food, to no avail. They called Fire & Rescue for assistance, but the height and location made it impossible for a ladder truck to reach the cat.

Fortunately, a tree climber from Davey Tree Company offered to provide assistance. He was able to reach the cat and coax him into a rescue sack. They then made the long journey down to safety.

The kitty was taken to a local veterinary hospital. He was hungry and thirsty but otherwise unscathed. He then took up residence at the Animal Shelter and is now preparing to go to a new adoptive home.

FOX 5 TV covered the daring rescue—you can see it online on their website, www.fox5dc.com. Just search for "cat rescue" to see the video.



Employee of the Month

Kelly Burnell is August's Employee of the Month! Kelly works as an Animal Care Technician, and the daily effort she provides in support of her co-workers in addition to performing and completing her own assigned tasks is outstanding. In addition to her exceptional skills in handling all of the various kinds of animals in the shelter, she is being recognized for her efforts in cleaning the staff kitchen area and the laundry room. In the short time that she

has been with the Department, her enthusiasm to pitch-in and help as needed has earned her great respect and admiration from her co-workers. Her hard work and support of the staff and the organization is highly commendable.

Thank you Kelly for all you do!



Congratulations Kelly!

What We're Up To...

Furry Friday

Have you been to Furry Friday yet? If not, you're missing out on a great opportunity to meet some wonderful animals! The next Furry Friday adoption event will be **Friday, September 26** from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Sterling Community Center (120 Enterprise Street, Sterling). We hope to see you there!

Watch us on FOX 5

Be sure to tune in to the FOX 5 midday news on **Friday, September 5** to see

some of the Animal Shelter's best pets! We'll be showing off some of our adoptable animals and providing pet tips too. Check it out!

Labor Day

The Animal Shelter will be **closed** on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. Emergency Animal Control services are available by calling 703-777-0445.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday weekend!

